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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. OGAWA, et al  
Serial No.: 10/706,913  
Filed: November 14, 2003  
For: LOAD BALANCING STORAGE SYSTEM  
Group: 2186  
Examiner: S. Elmore

**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.